

Structural Work Group of the
Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Steering Committee
January 31, 2003

Attendees

Mary Ann Beall, Caitlin Binning, Phill Bradbury, Jessica Burmester, Ray Burmester, Bill Claiborn, Roy Coffey, Lynn DeLacy, Stephanie Foran, Tom Geib, Cindy Kemp, Bob Lassiter, and Jim Thur

Discussion

The Work Group identified the following:

Soft Structures (Agreements)

- IT
- Training
- Quality Assurance
- Reimbursement
- “Center of Excellence” for New Developments
- Cultural Competence Including Languages
- Evidence Based Practices
- Deaf and Other Specialized Populations
- Political Advocacy
- Prevention
- Regional Approach to Grants
- Collaborations with Various Community Organizations
- Emergency Response

Hard Structures (Organizational)

- Formalizing a Structure to Manage Regional Mental Health Issues

Functions

- Create and Protect a Continuum of Care (e.g. DAD)
- Need More of a Regional Effort
- Take Advantage of Strengths of Individual Boards and NVMHI
- Strengthen Advocacy
- Transportation and Access Issues
- Maximization of Medicaid
- Adequate Financial Support
- Liaison with Academic Institutions

Mega Issues

- Long Range Commitment of Funding from State
- Funding Mechanisms (e.g. Dedicated Taxes)
- Status of Commissioner
- Can We Transfer Skills at NVMHI to Private Hospitals
- Expand Medicaid Eligibility and Services
- How to Get More Inpatient Beds
- Potential Closure of Private Beds
- Can Private Sector Cover Costs
- Local Political Support for “Community Hospitals”

Medicaid

- Use Private Psychiatric Hospitals Instead of NVMHI
- Direct Medicaid Eligibles to Private
- Convert NVMHI to Private Status

Tasks/Follow Up

- Survey CSB Boards, NVMHI and NVTC re: Linkages with Academic Institutions
- Identify all Collaborative Agreements (MOUs)
- Execs to Analyze Options for Collaboration

Next Meeting

Friday, February 14

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

12011 Government Center Parkway

Room 836A

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.